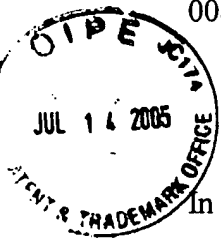


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PATENT APPLICATION



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In re Application of:

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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicants filed the above-identified application on January 12, 2004.

To date, Applicants have not received an Official Action on the merits from the U.S.


Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the case has been examined.

Applicants respectfully request that an Official Action be issued in the above-identified application.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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